

Today's Advertisements.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Under the Disinterested Patronage of His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, 7th December, 1895, AT 8.30.

PROFESSOR C. J. WHITNEY, The well-known American.

READER CHARACTER DELINEATOR and HUMORIST.

Will appear in SELECTIONS FROM POPULAR WRITERS OF THE DAY.

Programme will be announced later. TICKETS now on Sale at W. ROBINSON & Co's.

Special Terms in and from Peak. Melbourne, 7th December, 1895. [1664]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 13TH AND 14TH DECEMBER.

ENTRIES for the OPEN SAILING BOAT RACES should be sent to E. BURNIE, Esq., 14, Praya Central, not later than MONDAY, 9th Instant. Entrance, \$2 each Race.

E. D. SANDERS, Hon. Secretary. [1705]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW. (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"TAKSANG." Captain Freeman, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1702]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship.

"HAILONG." Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1700]

FOR BATAVIA, SOERABAYA, SAMARANG, VIA SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"TETARTOS." Captain Dineen, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th Instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WING CHONG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1634]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE. THE Company's Steamship.

"VINDOBONA." Captain C. Heller, will leave for the above places on or about SATURDAY, the 14th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1703]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship.

"GLAMORGANSHIRE." Captain Vyvyan, will be despatched as above on or about SUNDAY, the 15th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1704]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 10th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' Risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1701]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship "MARIA VALERIE."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before Noon on the 14th Instant, as they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1370]

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING 14TH DECEMBER, 1895.

GENERAL. No. 306.—GUN FIRING.—SATURDAY, 14th Instant. Both Units will parade at Headquarters at 2.30 P.M. sharp and march to North Point for Gun Firing.

Dress: Khaki with b.l.r. Signallers to attend.

FIELD BATTERY. No. 307.—DRILLS.—WEDNESDAY, 9th Instant, Headquarters, 5.30 P.M. Squad Drill.

TUESDAY, 10th Instant, Headquarters, 9 P.M. Gun Drill.

TUESDAY, 10th Instant, Kowloon Docks, 5.30 P.M. Squad Drill.

Dress for these Parades—Plain Clothes.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY. No. 108.—DRILLS.—MONDAY, 9th Instant, 5.30 P.M. Squad Drill.

TUESDAY, 10th Instant, 0 P.M. Gun Drill.

Dress for these Parades—Plain Clothes.

SIGNALLING CLASS. No. 100.—TUESDAY—Headquarters, 5 P.M. FRIDAY—Kowloon Docks, 5.30 P.M.

No. 310.—CHURCH PARADE.—Both Units will parade at Headquarters, at 10.15 A.M., on SUNDAY, 15th Instant.

Dress—Field Battery—Cloth, Review order. Dress—Machine Gun Co.—Serge, Review order.

NOTICE. Applications from Gentlemen desiring of joining the Corps should be sent to VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS, when a copy of Regulations, &c., will be sent, and any information afforded.

By Order. L. A. C. GORDON, Captain R.A., Adjutant, H.K.V.C. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1668]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS will FIRE from MACHINE GUNS from the neighbourhood of North Battery on SATURDAY, the 14th Instant, between the hours of 3 P.M. and 6 P.M.

The firing will be in a North-Easterly direction towards the Channel Rocks.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 5th December, 1895. [1699]

WANTED: A STEAM-LAUNCH, 50 to 60 FEET LONG.

BOILERS—not older than about One Year. SPEED—8 to 9 knots.

DRAFT—3' 6" to 4'. Apply in writing to W. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office. Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [1706]

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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [1650]

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 30th November 1895.

BIRTH.

On the 26th ultimo, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Yokohama, the wife of Surgeon MATTHEW O'BRIEN, R.N., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, on the 26th November, by the Rev. F. M. Kelly, Capt. GEORGE SMITH, of S.S. *Borneo*, to Mary, third daughter of the late William Richmond, of Kilmarnock.

DEATHS.

At Biala, Leone Hill, Singapore, on the 25th ultimo, DOROTHY "ARAH" BELL, aged ten months, the dearly beloved child of Captain Bell, of the *Shipyard*.

On the 26th ultimo, at Sans Souci Villa, Penang, SEYMOUR ANTHONY, Secretary, Penang Club, aged 45 years.

Shanghai, 23rd November, 1895.

A REMON of terror in Bangkok! Bangkok papers received today report that, every night, gangs of members of secret societies, varying from 50 to 100 strong, are to be seen roaming about the city and suburbs with weapons, and anybody that falls into their hands is immediately killed.—They ought to apply for the loan of some Hongkong policemen to put things in order down Bangkok way.

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(Special to *Stam Observer*.)

TO PUT DOWN SLAVERY.

LONDON, November 21st.

A very stringent anti-slavery Convention has been entered into between England and Egypt, and was signed today at Cairo.

MADAGASCAR.

LONDON, November 22nd.

General Duchesne has telegraphed to the French Government reporting that a number of foreigners are arriving in Madagascar.

THE ASHANTEE EXPEDITION.

LONDON, November 24th.

Colonel Sir Francis Scott, C.B., Inspector General of the Gold Coast Force, who had been telegraphed for from London, is "connected" with the Commanche Imbroglio, has left for Africa with his staff. It has been decided that Prince Henry of Battenberg shall accompany the expedition.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SMOKING concert at City Club at 9 p.m.

REGATTA Notes are held over until Monday.

AN important V.R.C. announcement is published in another part of this issue.

"DIPLOMATICUS." Your interesting letter will be published in *extenso* on Monday.

Mr. LAMBERT will sell the *Wandering Jew*, by auction on board, at 11 a.m. on Monday.

Of the 34 Melbourne Cup already won Victoria claims—19, N.S. Wales—13, South Australia and Tasmania one apiece.

THE steamship *Huangshan* will proceed to Macao on an excursion trip at 9 a.m. to-morrow, weather permitting.

A DOZEN subscription griffins were landed at West Point, ex *Taiyang*, from Shanghai, this morning and will be drawn for at Mr. Kennedy's Horse Repository on Monday afternoon, due notice of which will be given.

W. G. Grace is reported by the *Bulletin* to have admitted that he is not so much at home with very fast bowling as he used to be. His eye-sight has lost some of its alertness, and Richardson's express ones have a trick of getting past him before he knows where to aim.

MRS. JENX: Aren't you afraid to stay in your house alone, your husband being away so much?

MRS. WINKS: Oh, not at all. The policeman on this beat is engaged to my amah, and the whole town is swarming with my dear old "hubby" calls lynx-eyed detective.

MR. BYRON BRENNAN, Special Trade Commissioner, has just been instructed to compile a report on the trade of China and Hongkong. The *Hongkong Telegraph* has been engaged on similar work for months past and in due course will publish some facts and figures that will in all probability interest its readers, and Mr. Byron Brennan in particular.

THE following squib came firing into this office to-day.—THE MANURES MINES.—Shareholders are informed that a number one Picnic will shortly be held at Pootung. Tar will be provided by the Committee, but shareholders are requested to bring their own feathers.

(Sd.) NO ONE THERE.

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H. M. S. *Tenace* is expected to arrive here from Fochow on Sunday.

PROF. C. J. WHITNEY's recital at Mount Austin Hotel at 8.30 p.m.

ON Monday afternoon at Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play "C" Company, R. B.; kick-off at 4.30.

OUR Calcutta contemp. *Indian Engineering* says:—It is now proposed to open up Western China through Burma by water instead of by railway. The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company appears to have an eye to business in this direction, and Mr. F. C. Kenney, C. I. E., is alive and active.

"LIBERAL." Possibly; but can you tell us why the Officials should be expected to continue the struggle against the Official Phalarx? Is there any hope of them getting a fair hearing in Downing Street, or doing anything else but waste valuable time in the local Council Chamber?

THE *Daily Press* hears that the Chinese Government have decided to declare Wuchow, on the West River, an open port. We hope it is true, but fear there is little reason for believing that anything of the kind will be done this side of 1897, unless the Japanese insist on a clause to that effect being inserted in the new Commercial treaty.

THE Singapore *Free Press* hears "that the author of the very able series of letters on the Far East to the *Times*, is Mr. Chitrol, who has represented that journal at Berlin. Mr. A. Michie has also written letters to the *Times*, but is not the author of this particular series." Dollars to cents it was Mickie. Are you on F.P.?

WE deeply regret having to perform the painful duty of recording in these columns the death of one who has been a prominent member of our clerical staff for many years. We refer to Mr. Leung Aik who passed away, at his residence in Hollywood Road, this afternoon, aged 46. Mr. Aik joined the *Telegraph* staff on the 1st January, 1882, as clerk, and three years later was made Manager, a post for which his training, zeal, untiring energy, extreme care in matters of detail, and his neat handwriting well fitted him and in which, moreover, he acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner. Falling ill a few months ago Mr. Aik was obliged to absent himself from duty for a few days, but so great was his inclination for work that he returned to duty while yet a very sick man, and it was then only too evident to those who knew him best that the severe cold on the lungs from which he was suffering had a firm hold on him and was gradually breaking down his once robust constitution. Later on he rallied somewhat, but with the approach of winter he relapsed and about six weeks ago he was obliged to leave his work and place himself under the orders of his physician. All to no purpose, however, for although he recently took a trip to his native village near Canton and had the advantage of the best medical advice and care, yet he had at last to give up all hope of recovery and returned to Hongkong for the purpose only of bidding a last farewell to his wife and family before falling into the deep sleep from which there is no awakening. The funeral will take place at Happy Valley on Monday afternoon, and friends are invited to attend.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside any vessel holding the answering pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

CRICKET.

SCOTLAND v. THE WORLD.

IMURIS AFFAIRS.

MR. C. S. TAYLOR IS CREDITED WITH WRITING

A "MASS OF IRRELEVANCY."

The far-famed Imuris mines have recently been much talked about in business circles both here and at Shanghai owing to the publication of the following correspondence in the form of a circular. The documents, which speak for themselves, need no comment at our hands just now. Our remarks are reserved pending future developments in the completion thereof referred to—

Hongkong, 12th August, 1895.

M. J. D. STEPHENS, Esq.,

Attorney for Liquidator,

New Imuris Mines.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of 9th instant with enclosure which I now return.

I decline to pay the call of 2/6 per share which in my case amounts to £18.15, until I have been furnished with the following particulars—

The balance sheet of the Imuris Mines (in liquidation) shows the Company was in debt £38,150.4.3 with a set off

Debtors, London, £371.2.0

Debtors, Sonora, 347.5.6

Cash, Mexico, 237.5.4

"London, 15.12.9

£37,187.18.8

The New Imuris brings this

into account thus £38,150.4.3

Less Sundry Accounts trans-

ferred by Old Company 975.0.7

£37,184.3.8

An immaterial difference of no consequence.

The Imuris Mines was a Limited Liability Company and was never advanced the £38,150.4.3 lost in an equal shareholders in the Company.

Mr. Whitall, as Chairman of the Company, and representing Messrs. J. Whitall & Co., the General Managers, who found, or pledged their credit to find this £38,150.4.3, entered into an agreement with shareholders to devote the proposed call of 2/6 per share and the remaining 2/6 of the 5/- per share liability, towards necessary work in or at the Mine, and it was on the distinct understanding that none of the money subscribed should be applied towards paying off debts of the Old Imuris Mines that China shareholders agreed to the reconstruction.

Confirmation of this should be found in the Minute Books of the Company, or in circular letters addressed to shareholders at the time of reconstruction, or in printed reports of meetings, or falling these in communications between the Company in London and the representative of the Committee appointed by the Shanghai shareholders, or in letters between that Committee and its corresponding branch in Shanghai.

I cannot lay my hand on any document to prove my statement, and my interest in the Company is so small that it is not worth my while to trouble to do so.

Taking my contention for what it is worth, I find from the balance sheet of the New Imuris Mines, dated 22nd June, 1895, that Messrs. J. Whitall & Co., obtained £16,985.3.3 from shareholders, which represents 2/6 per share on 156,450 shares and whoever furnishes the balance sheet shows an expenditure of only £15,276.19.4

for interest amounting to £251.13.5

required to make the figures £16,328.12.9

is inadmissible, since the New Imuris Mines started upon the distinct understanding, on pledge, that all new money subscribed should be devoted to working the Mine and not towards paying the Old Company's debts.

Mr. Whitall raised £19,556.5.0

and spent £15,276.19.4

Balance in hand £4,279.3.5

and on the other side the

account are receipts from

Transfer fees £2,981.0.4

£7,260.3.9

where has this money gone?

There is an item £1,777.4.3 for brokerage on shares. To the knowledge of shareholders in China the New Imuris Mines did not, nor could it, traffic in shares and though Mr. Whitall and Mr. Bosman are credited with having made £20,000 apiece out of "those fools in China" they cannot, either at law or in equity, debit the Company with brokerage.

There are assets of the Old Company in Mexico.

Railroad £12,118.18.2

Mill £10,837.4.10

In London, Concentrating Plant £4,861.18.3

Wagons, &c. 563.1.7

£26,011.2.10

and of the New Co.

Railroad £762.4.6

Mill £2,095.2.7

Stores, Sonora £147.5.6

Cash Mexico £412.17.5

Cash London £8.0.8

Debtors (somewhere) 36.1.0

£3,561.11.8

Place the Old Co.

Assets £26,011.2.10

Against the Old Co.

Liabilities £37,187.18.2

And the New Co.

Assets £3,561.11.8

And the New Co.

Cash £6,591.13.0

£10,152.4.8

against the New Company's bill, and it is difficult to conceive either reason or right in the liquidator making a further call of 2/6 per share upon shareholders, except and unless to pay off the Old Company's liabilities, which is a distinct breach of engagement.

The only legal aspect I can or do see the Liquidator at. There are no records of any such understanding as mentioned between Mr. Whitall and the New Imuris Mines, and if shareholders came into the reconstruction under such belief they have been "sold" or "entwined" and must accept the consequences?

The Old Company left off with a debt of £37,184.3.8 which the New Company is asked to treat, thus to pay out money subscribed for working the Mine.

Leaving to pay £30,591.13.8

Pay Whitall interest £1,777.4.3

Cash, Stores, Debtors 714.4.7

£32,518.8.0

£30,592.10.8 is clearly a debt of the Old Company. How is it made up?

Again, who passed these accounts? They are audited, but only means they are a true copy of the books kept by Messrs. J. Whitall & Co. Were the accounts, and necessarily the items I have alluded to and taken exception to, accepted by shareholders, and when? Was the disposal, as disclosed therein, of the new money subscribed for working the Mine, agreed to by shareholders and when?

We have under the following heads, as cost of the Mines:

Purchase price £125,000

Expenditure £37,270.10

Mine £14,598.12.7

Mining £1,531.3.11

£151,000.6.6

which must represent more than holes in the ground, because £125,000 was paid for something to begin with. What was that something, and what is that something now? It is actual territory or only a paper mine? If it is actual territory, of what? Is it a mountain side or barren flat, why (if it cannot be sold) is it not buried into 150,000 lots again? The 150,000 shares and something given to shareholders in exchange for the 2/6 per share they are called upon to pay?

Shareholders in Hongkong are advised by a learned Q.C. that having subscribed to the New Imuris Mines they must pay the remaining call of 2/6 per share and fight their case against the Directors in London, which is not an agreeable proposition and a much more sensible course is to withhold payment, as it would be folly to strengthen the Liquidator's hands and fill his purse, by meeting calls which would only enable him to proceed more energetically against shareholders who do not pay.

Should the Liquidator not meet shareholders fairly, nor explain the 1st date at least, I should be very glad to sub. lib. £18.15/6 (and risk losing double) to a defence fund, and if other shareholders contribute, I equally, we could fight the case in front of the court, even to the House of Lords, if it could be carried so far.

Yours faithfully,

C. S. TAYLOR.

THE LIQUIDATOR'S ULTIMATUM.

18, Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, October 24th, 1895.

Dear Sir,—The English mail arriving the 19th instant brought on a reply from the Liquidator, Mr. Thos. Dundas Pillans. He writes:—

"C. S. Taylor, I have waded through his letter to you of the 12th ultimo. It is a mass of irrelevancy to which it would be a gross waste of time to reply. His notions of the liability of shareholders under the Companies Act are highly original but would not, I fear, be likely to impress a Court of Law. Please proceed to compel him to pay up with all possible despatch. I return his essay herewith."

Yours truly,

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.

C. S. TAYLOR, Esq.,

Shanghai.

WILD-CAT COLUMN.

SYDNEY, November 2nd.

The "anare and shock" market they call it in Coolgardie.

Governor Brassey's motto: "Often in a fix, never in a funk."

A big tonnage mine—the Golden Gate, Tas.: 1544 tons, 750 oz gold.

The Australian pressable combination means a yearly loss of about £15,000 to the Eastern Extension Co.

In a little over a month 36 Westralian mining Co's have been floated in Adelaide, with aggregate nominal capital £16,250.

Sir Henry Parkes' first became Premier of N.S. Wales in the year his latest wife was born on a farm in Cavan, Ireland.

S. A. farmers are agitated at the dryness of the season, and on several occasions have been generally the coming harvest will be woefully light.

N.Q. cricket-match. Bowler, appealing: "How's that?" Umpire: "How many is he?" Bowler: "Ten." Umpire (decidedly): "Hont!"

In Melbourne shop-window: "To Ladies.—Classes now forming for single teaching of the Gospel to the Chinese. Early application. Apply within."

It is not thought there will be any trouble in raising the £1,000 necessary to take sculler Stanley to England and cover Harding's stake of £500.

The Brilliant, Capt. A. Towers, again to the fore—third div. and third bonus, £500 for the month. Undoubtedly one of the mines of Australia.

The unspeakable compositor sometimes strikes a great truth by accident. His latest irony is: "We read and composition follows!" As a headline for a dray's advt.

At 22 o'clock in London between Dan Creedon of Melbourne and Frank Cress, "the Coffee Cooler," ended in a draw. The fight was awarded to Creedon on three points.

The first Act of Parliament passed in Australia was one making promissory notes legal. Before that the common form of IOU was in vogue and treated as a mere reminder of honor.

Age editor Windsor is a vegetarian and a homeopathist. He writes a microscopic hand, few of his letter-presses making one-and-a-half lines of column. His only vice is billiards.

It must be most consoling to shareholders in Bayley's Reward to know that the "oil-engine is working splendidly." But where is the oil with which they would like to grease the palms of their hands?

Vic. Imports for the first nine months of '95 were £550,000 more and the exports £670,000 more than for the corresponding period of '94. Another evidence that the distressful province has "turned the corner."

A retail grocery firm, whose heads are teetotal lights, has a spirit-licence for one of its shops. Orders for the accused stuff can be taken at any of their other shops and sent. Thus do we compound with conscience.

One or two of the Crigglare mines are still making divs. by water-selling. The chance of divs. for a lot of others would come until money can be made out of air-selling. There are a lot of splendid wind-mills out West!

At a meeting of the Vic. Freehold Investment and Banking Co., a shareholder: "They call us Australian bank-thieves at Home. I have recently come from there." "Us Australians!" Truly—a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Several big Ballarat and Bendigo mines are being groomed to be sold. Exchange goods credit, a really splendid thing, being the "string pullers." Era long, if operations are successful, Brits will own some of the best things on these fields—best!

N.S.W. Premier Reid's determination to give the married unemployed an extra day's work at 1/4, and the unmarried half-day at 2d, 6d, 1s, 1s 6d, 2s, 2s 6d, 3s, 3s 6d, 4s, 4s 6d, 5s, 5s 6d, 6s, 6s 6d, 7s, 7s 6d, 8s, 8s 6d, 9s, 9s 6d, 10s, 10s 6d, 11s, 11s 6d, 12s, 12s 6d, 13s, 13s 6d, 14s, 14s 6d, 15s, 15s 6d, 16s, 16s 6d, 17s, 17s 6d, 18s, 18s 6d, 19s, 19s 6d, 20s, 20s 6d, 21s, 21s 6d, 22s, 22s 6d, 23s, 23s 6d, 24s, 24s 6d, 25s, 25s 6d, 26s, 26s 6d, 27s, 27s 6d, 28s, 28s 6d, 29s, 29s 6d, 30s, 30s 6d, 31s, 31s 6d, 32s, 32s 6d, 33s, 33s 6d, 34s, 34s 6d, 35s, 35s 6d, 36s, 36s 6d, 37s, 37s 6d, 38s, 38s 6d, 39s, 39s 6d, 40s, 40s 6d, 41s, 41s 6d, 42s, 42s 6d, 43s, 43s 6d, 44s, 44s 6d, 45s, 45s 6d, 46s, 46s 6d, 47s, 47s 6d, 48s, 48s 6d, 49s, 49s 6d, 50s, 50s 6d, 51s, 51s 6d, 52s, 52s 6d, 53s, 53s 6d, 54s, 54s 6d, 55s, 55s 6d, 56s, 56s 6d, 57s, 57s 6d, 58s, 58s 6d, 59s, 59s 6d, 60s, 60s 6d, 61s, 61s 6d, 62s, 62s 6d, 63s, 63s 6d, 64s, 64s 6d, 65s, 65s 6d, 66s, 66s 6d, 67s, 67s 6d, 68s, 68s 6d, 69s, 69s 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"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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"EUROPE,"

Captain F. Morris, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.

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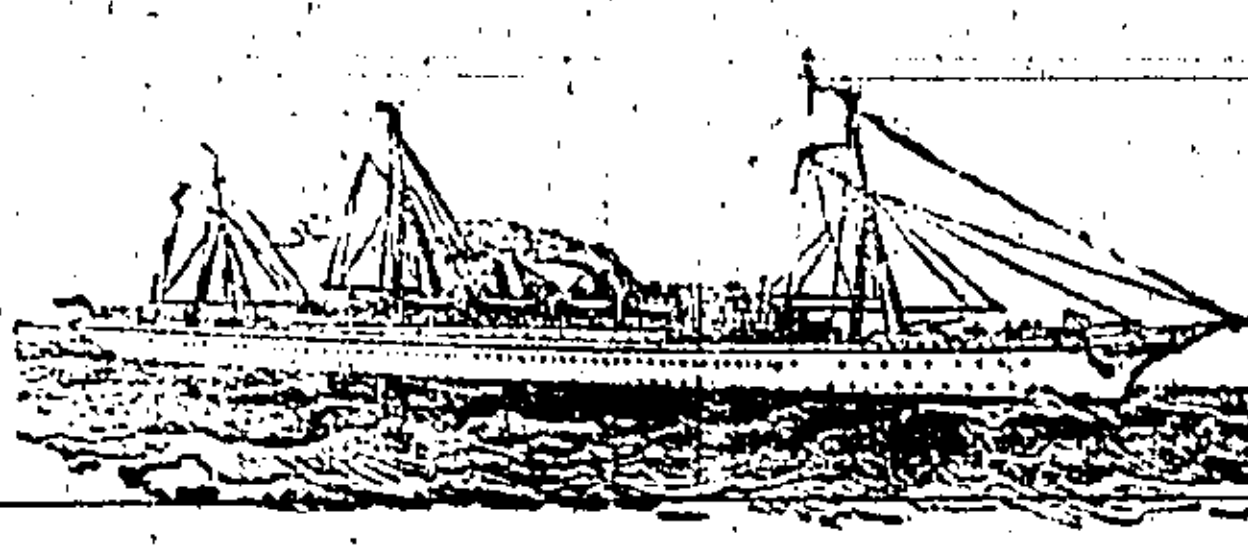
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Hongkong, 25th November, 1895.

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